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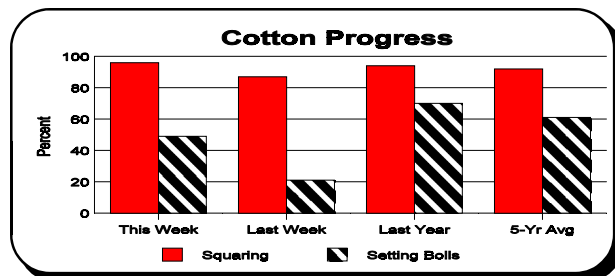
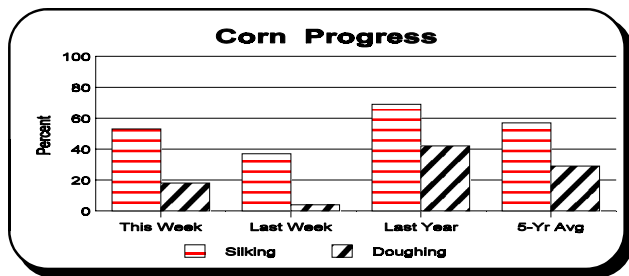
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 20, 2003

NEW MEXICO: There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork. There was no hail damage reported in the state while the wind damage was 19% light and 2% moderate. Farmers spent the week harvesting wheat, cutting alfalfa hay, and maintaining crops by irrigating even though some areas are lacking irrigation water because of the drop in the Pecos River. Farmers are also taking care of insects that were reported affecting progress. The second cut of alfalfa was almost finished at 95% complete with 64% of the third and 6% of the fourth completed. Alfalfa conditions dropped slightly to mostly fair. Corn conditions remained mostly fair to excellent, with 53% silked (tasseled) and 18% doughing. Cotton was reported in mostly fair to excellent condition, with 96% squaring and 49% setting bolls. Total sorghum planting was completed this week and conditions drifted toward fair with 21% poor, 60% fair, and 19% good with 2% headed. Total winter wheat harvest was completed this week. Peanuts had 64% of the crop pegging with conditions showing a slight drop but remaining in mostly fair condition. Onions were reported as 75% harvested. Chile conditions improved slightly to mostly fair to excellent. Chile pod set was reported 30% light, 58% average pod set, and 12% heavy. Apple conditions remained in mostly fair condition and pecans were reported as fair to excellent with nutset at 25% light, 73% average, and 2% heavy. Ranchers spent the week continuing to maintain water, branding calves, and supplemental feeding. Livestock conditions are progressing well due to a lot of supplemental feeding. Cattle conditions were reported with little change at 1% very poor, 18% poor, 35% fair, 30% good, and 16% excellent. Sheep dropped slightly to 5% very poor, 25% poor, 50% fair, 19% good, and 1% excellent. Range and pasture conditions are being affected by the long and very hot days and reported as 27% very poor, 41% poor, 21% fair, and 9% good and 2% excellent.

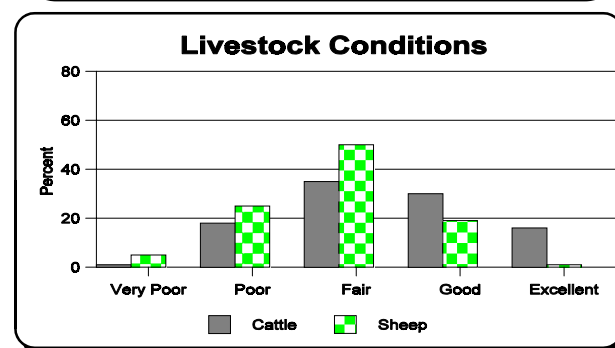
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CORN	Silking	53	37	69	57
CORN	Doughing	18	4	42	29
COTTON	Squaring	96	87	94	92
COTTON	Setting Bolls	49	21	70	61
ONIONS	Harvested	75	72	96	80



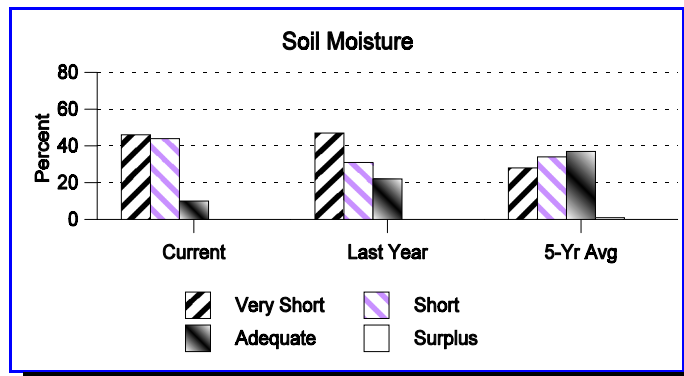
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	7	16	54	18	5
Apples	15	7	78	—	—
Chile	5	8	21	49	17
Corn	—	5	31	37	27
Cotton	5	15	43	24	13
Peanuts	—	3	75	22	—
Pecans	1	1	24	36	38
Sorghum (All)	—	21	60	19	—
Cattle	1	18	35	30	16
Sheep	5	25	50	19	1
Range/Pasture	27	41	21	9	2



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	58	40	2	--
Northeast	26	69	5	--
Southwest	84	13	3	--
Southeast	27	40	33	--
State	46	44	10	--
State-Last Year	47	31	22	--
State-5-Yr. Avg.	28	34	37	1



WEATHER SUMMARY

The week was generally hot across all of New Mexico, with temperatures topping 100 degrees at many locations below 6000 feet early in the week. The remnants of Hurricane Claudette brushed the southwest around mid-week and then helped fuel more widespread showers and thunderstorms at the end of the week. Radar indicated some spots across central and western New Mexico received between one half inch and one inch of rain on Sunday afternoon. Greatest reported totals for the week included 1.06 inches at Raton and .60 inches at Red River. Data missing for Quemado and incomplete for Ruidoso.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS JULY 14 - JULY 20, 2003

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	07/14 07/20	07/01 07/20	Normal July	01/01 07/20	Normal Jan-Jul
Carlsbad	82.6	105	66	0.02	0.03	1.79	3.33	5.74
Tatum	80.1	101	62	0.00	0.00	2.52	4.30	8.69
Roswell	83.6	106	65	0.00	0.00	1.99	1.71	6.74
Clayton	81.0	99	61	T	0.00	2.70	6.21	9.00
Clovis	81.1	104	63	T	0.00	2.56	6.24	9.57
Roy	77.4	100	60	0.00	0.00	2.97	2.50	9.03
Tucumcari	84.7	106	64	0.00	0.00	3.30	7.43	8.57
Chama	68.1	93	42	0.14	0.14	2.24	7.82	11.08
Johnson Ranch	76.7	99	54	T	0.00	1.66	4.34	5.43
Capulin	72.1	94	52	0.32	0.43	3.25	7.35	10.52
Las Vegas	73.6	96	54	0.02	0.02	3.31	2.93	9.07
Los Alamos	74.6	91	54	0.11	0.11	3.25	4.33	9.66
Raton	74.8	95	53	1.06	1.06	2.66	6.92	9.82
Santa Fe	77.3	96	57	0.06	0.06	2.38	2.54	7.64
Red River	64.5	87	41	0.60	0.60	3.01	9.09	11.93
Farmington	83.9	104	60	T	0.00	0.94	1.90	4.31
Gallup	75.5	100	51	0.49	0.49	1.91	2.06	6.10
Grants	76.4	100	54	0.01	0.01	1.76	1.94	4.79
Silver City	77.2	97	58	T	0.27	2.65	2.48	7.55
Quemado	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	2.37	3.32	6.56
Albuquerque	85.1	104	68	0.35	0.35	1.37	3.11	4.42
Carrizozo	77.7	99	56	T	1.32	2.05	4.67	5.55
Gran Quivera	77.6	99	55	0.00	0.36	2.81	3.34	7.52
Moriarty	76.4	101	53	0.18	0.24	2.38	2.98	6.37
Ruidoso	70.4	91	50	0.00	0.35	4.02	4.63	10.99
Socorro	80.3	102	60	0.00	0.01	1.44	0.96	3.94
Alamogordo	85.1	104	64	0.00	0.00	2.23	2.35	5.51
Animas	82.6	105	63	0.00	0.00	2.26	1.46	4.74
Deming	81.6	106	63	0.36	0.36	2.15	3.03	4.43
T or C	83.4	102	63	0.01	0.57	1.86	1.84	4.44
Las Cruces	83.6	106	63	T	0.75	1.36	3.47	3.63

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

CATTLE INVENTORY

July 1 Cattle Inventory Down 1 Percent: All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2003, totaled 103.9 million head, 1 percent below the 105.1 million on July 1, 2002 and 2 percent below the 105.8 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.7 million, were slightly below the 42.9 million on July 1, 2002 and 1 percent below the 43.0 million two years ago.

Beef cows, at 33.6 million, were down slightly from July 1, 2002 and 1 percent below two years ago.

Milk cows, at 9.1 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2002 but were unchanged from two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2003 and the changes from July 1, 2002, are as follows:

All heifers 500 pounds and over, 15.9 million, down 2 percent.

Beef replacement heifers, 4.6 million, unchanged.

Milk replacement heifers, 3.6 million, down 3 percent.

Other heifers, 7.7 million, down 3 percent.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.2 million, down 2 percent.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged.

Calves under 500 pounds, 29.0 million, down 1 percent.

All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 11.7 million, down 6 percent.

Calf Crop Down 1 Percent: The 2003 calf crop is expected to be 38.0 million, down 1 percent from 2002 and down 1 percent from 2001. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.7 million, down 1 percent from 2002 and down 1 percent from 2001.

Cattle and Calves: Number of Class and Calf Crop, U.S., July 1, 2001- 2003

Class	2001	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	-----1,000 Head-----			Percent
Cattle and Calves	105,800	105,100	103,900	99
Cows and Heifers that have Calved	43,000	42,900	42,700	100
Beef Cows	33,900	33,750	33,600	100
Milk Cows	9,100	9,150	9,100	99
Heifers 500 pounds and Over	16,400	16,200	15,900	98
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,600	4,600	4,600	100
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,600	3,700	3,600	97
Other Heifers	8,200	7,900	7,700	97
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,600	14,500	14,200	98
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,100	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	29,700	29,400	29,000	99
Calf Crop	38,280	38,193	38,000	99
Cattle on Feed	13,000	12,400	11,700	94

SHEEP INVENTORY

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2003, totaled 7.80 million head, 4 percent below July 1, 2002. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.61 million head on July 1, 2003 was 4 percent below July 1, 2002. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs) at 3.19 million head, were 4 percent below last July.

The breeding herd consists of 3.84 million ewes one year old and older, 175,000 rams one year old and older, and 600,000 replacement lambs (including newborn lambs).

All Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region and United States, July 1, 2002 - 2003

Regions ^{1/}	All Sheep and Lambs			Breeding Sheep & Lambs		Market Sheep & Lambs	
	2002	2003	2003 as % 2002	2002	2003	2002	2003
	-----1,000 Head-----		-----Percent-----	-----1,000 Head-----			
Region 1	1,430	1,330	93	900	830	530	500
Region 2	1,740	1,740	100	1,130	1,130	610	610
Region 3	2,800	2,600	93	1,500	1,400	1,300	1,200
Region 4	1,220	1,220	100	670	670	550	550
Region 5	910	910	100	580	580	330	330
U.S.	8,100	7,800	96	4,780	4,610	3,320	3,190

^{1/} States included in regions as follows: 1 - AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA; 2 - NM & TX; 3 - CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY; 4 - IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK; 5 - all other states.